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SUBJECT: FIRST SOVIET PRESS ATTACK ON RFE/RL BASED ON "SPIEGEL"  
STORY

REF: 77 MUNICH 4107

SUMMARY: ARTICLE IN "SOVETSKAYA BELORUSSIYA" RENEWS  
ATTACK ON RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE, AND  
QUOTES FROM DECEMBER 12 "SPIEGEL" ARTICLE ON CONFLICTS  
BETWEEN OLDER AND YOUNGER GENERATIONS OF EMIGRES  
EMPLOYED IN RADIO LIBERTY'S RUSSIAN SERVICE. END SUMMARY.

1. AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "AGAINST DETENTE: MOUTHPIECES  
OF THE COLD WAR", BY A. ROZANOV, APPEARED IN "SOVETSKAYA  
BELORUSSIYA" ON JANUARY 17, 1978. AFTER RECAPITULATING THE  
HISTORY OF THE RADIO STATIONS IN FAMILIARLY OPPROBRIOUS  
TERMS, AUTHOR RUZOANOV CITES WEST GERMAN "DER SPIEGEL"  
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ARTICLE ON PLANS TO EXPAND BUDGET AND SHORT-WAVE  
CAPACITY OF RADIO LIBERTY. "SPIEGEL" IS ALSO QUOTED  
AS WRITING THAT "CIA RADIO EDITORS" CONTINUE TO WORK  
AT THE MUNICH CENTER.

2. ROZANOV QUOTES "CZECH INTELLIGENCE AGENT PAVEL  
MINIARZHIK", WHO ALLEGEDLY WORKED FOR SEVEN YEARS AT

RFE, AS SAYING THAT THE PRINCIPAL STRATEGIC PURPOSE OF THE "RADIO-DIVERSIONISTS" CONSISTS IN PRETTIFYING THE BOURGEOIS STRUCTURE, DISCREDITING THE SUCCESSES AND EXPERIENCE OF THE COMMUNIST STRUCTURE IN THE USSR BY MEANS OF LIES AND SLANDER, AND UNDERMINING THE FAITH OF PEOPLES OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM.

3. RETURNING TO THE "SPIEGEL" ARTICLE, ROZANOV QUOTES IT TO THE EFFECT THAT A DIFFICULT SITUATION HAS GROWN UP LATELY AT THE STATIONS BECAUSE OF THE INFLUX OF YOUNGER EMIGRES, WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL, BUT PREFERRED MUNICH TO "THE PROMISED LAND." THERE THEY CAME INTO CONFLICT WITH THE OLDER GENERATION OF "FORMER GESTAPO HENCHMEN, TRAITORS AND VETERAN RENEGADES."

4. ROZANOV GOES ON TO SAY THAT RADIO PROPAGANDA IS ONLY A PART OF THE WORK OF RL AND RFE, AND TO CITE THE CZECH NEWSPAPER "LIDOVA DEMOKRATSIYE" TO THE EFFECT THAT THEIR MAIN TASK IS THE DIRECTION OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM AND THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION OF A POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY NATURE-- "IN OTHER WORDS, ESPIONAGE."

5. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST ARTICLE WE HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEEN HERE WHICH IS BASED ON THE "SPIEGEL" ARTICLE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE INTERNAL PROBLEMS AT RL, AS DISCUSSED IN WESTERN PRESS, HAVE NOT, UNTIL NOW, BEEN CARRIED IN SOVIET PRESS (EXCLUDING DECEMBER 14 TASS ITEM ON SUBJECT). IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT HIS THEME WILL NOW BEGIN TO APPEAR IN THE CENTRAL PRESS.  
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